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SUBJECT: BULGARIAN PARTY ORGAN REPRINT PRAVDA ATTACK ON
CHINESE.

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1. OCTOBER 16 "RABOTNICHESKO DELO" CARRIED FULL PAGE
REPRINT OF A PRAVDA'S ATTACK OF SAME DAY ON THE 10TH
CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY CONGRESS. SIMULTANEOUS RE-
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PRINT HERE SEEMS INDICATE IMPORTANCE SOVIETS ATTACH

TO CONTENTS OF ARTICLE.

2. CHINESE AMBASSADOR CHAO CHIN IS PHILOSOPHICAL ABOUT ARTICLES LIKE THIS, ATTACKS SUCH AS ZHIVKOV'S REMARKS DURING THE BREZHNEV VISIT, AND THE POOR ATTENDANCE AT HIS RECENT NATIONAL DAY RECEPTION. HE CLAIMS TO RECOGNIZE THAT THERE IS NOTHING ELSE THE BULGARS CAN DO SINCE THEY ARE SO DEPENDENT UPON SOVIET ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE AND GENERAL GOODWILL. AS AN EXAMPLE, HE IS FOND OF TELLING MEMBERS OF THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS THAT HE LEFT SOFIA AND JOINED A VISITING LOW-LEVEL CHINESE DELEGATION AFTER HE FAILED TO RECEIVE AN INVITATION TO THE BREZHNEV RECEPTION. THE CHINESE WERE IN TRNOVO HAVING DINNER ONE EVENING WHEN A GROUP OF VISITING UZBEKS CAME INTO THE RESTAURANT AND BEFORE THE EVENING WAS OUT THEY WERE ALL DRINKING WINE TOGETHER. WITH A CERTAIN SMILE, THE AMBASSADOR ADDS "THESE PEOPLE LOVE US AND THE BULGARS WILL LEARN TO."

3. AMBASSADOR CHAO CHIN IS A VERY PERSONABLE, SYMPATHETIC BUT DETERMINED MAN. HIS WIFE CHU CHENG IS A SECOND SECRETARY AND CONSUL AND APPEARS TO BE A COMPETENT, EFFECTIVE DIPLOMAT IN HER OWN RIGHT.
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